SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, May 18, 1952 will mark the 14th annual observance of "I Am An American Day, and

WHEREAS, in the thirteen years since "I Am An American Day" was first observed in California, this patriotic celebration has spread from coast to coast, inspiring unprecedented millions of children and adults to converge upon auditoriums, coliseums, churches, schools and open-air arenas, for a soul-stirring show of hands, as they pledged anew their love of country and their loyalty to the ideals of liberty and justice, and

WHEREAS, since 1939, young and old like have come to look forward to "I Am An American Day" as a patriotic highlight in the finest of American tradition, and

WHEREAS, the third Sunday in May of each year offers an unparalleled opportunity for millions of Americans to refresh their minds and hearts to the verity of George Washington's immortal words, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to governmental prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports".

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 18, 1952 as

I AM AN AMERICAN DAY

and I call upon all branches of our state government; all religious, school, civic, patriotic, veteran and women's organizations to take an active part in forming committees, arranging for meeting places and preparing programs for this annual event, to the end that "I Am An American Day" may forever continue to kindle the fires of patriotism in the hearts and minds of our people from childhood, and throughout life.

I further urge each individual citizen to assume part of the responsibility of helping make this public celebration an occasion for citizens of all ages to reaffirm their faith in, and their support of, freedom and democracy, and their abiding determination to strive honorably for enduring peace on earth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 16th day of May, 1952.

ATTEST:

Geraldine Ostroot
Secretary of State

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

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